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- 1) Agenda for interview Oct 7, 10am
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Examiner Interview October 7, 2004

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System and Method For An Interactive Web-Based Data Catalog For Tracking Software Bugs

Thank you for granting this interview!

I would like to discuss the references Runyan and Dutta with respect to independent claims 1, 15 and 16. Claim 1 recites:

A method for tracking acceptance/regression testing of software via a communications network, the method comprising:
receiving data representing a function of the software to be tested;
storing the data representing the function of the software to be tested in an acceptance/regression testing database;
receiving an identifier of a technician assigned to test the function;
storing the identifier in the acceptance/regression testing tracking database;
receiving an indication of a result of the technician's testing of the function;
and
storing the indication in the acceptance testing tracking database.

Runyan is directed to a system and method for efficiently performing the final boot testing of new images of an operation system which contains new code for new hardware platforms. A boot test is a test done to insure that "each IOS image created will load into the given platform properly" column 7, lines 47-49. After all the boot testing has been tested "as thoroughly as practicable" column 7, line 52, the version is released to the customer. Hence the only testing performed is whether or not the operating system will load, no functionality testing is performed at all, no tester identification is received, no acceptance/regression testing database is maintained.

Dutta describes a system and method for enabling customers to access an upgraded version of a software application hosted by the vendor without interfering with the current version of the software the customer uses. The customer can provide generalized feedback which is analyzed but Dutta does not disclose or suggest at least maintaining a database for acceptance/regression testing data for storing data representing the function of the software or storing the indication of results in this database.